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DEFORMABLE PANELS MAINTAINED IN A CURVED CONFIGURATION, AND

CORRESPONDING PANEL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary Amendment: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

In Paragraphs [0046] to [0057], please amend the paragraphs as follows:

[0046] Other features and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent from the following description of a preferential embodiment of the invention, and of its alternatives, given by way of illustrative and non-limitative non-restrictive examples, and the accompanying drawings among which:

[0047] Figure 1 is a <u>an elevation</u> view of a panel intended to integrate a module according to the invention;

[0048] Figures 2a and 2b respectively illustrate top and perspective views of a module according to the invention, conformed in such a way that its section substantially constitutes a triangle.

[0049] Figures 3a and 3b respectively illustrate top and perspective views of a module according to the invention, conformed in such a way that its section substantially constitutes a circle;

[0050] Figure 4 is a sectional view of panels of a module, assembled using fixing means according to a first embodiment;

[0051] Figures 5a and 5b illustrate <u>sectional</u> views of panels of a module, assembled using fixing means according to a second embodiment;

[0052] Figure 6 is a <u>sectional</u> view of ground-fixing means of a module according to the invention;

[0053] Figure 7 is a top <u>plan</u> view of a module to which supports for ground-fixing means are added;

[0054] Figure 8 is a <u>sectional</u> view of a module according to the invention, fixed to the ground according to a first embodiment;.

[0055] Figure 9 is a <u>sectional</u> view of a module according to the invention, fixed to the ground according to a second embodiment;

[0056] Figures 10, 11, 12 and 13 are top perspective views of a module according to the invention, comprising three, four, five and six panels respectively;

[0057] Figures 14 to 17 are top perspective views of modules of the invention, according to alternative embodiments;